

Michael Adams – Board Chair (Bio)



Michael Adams, Ph.D. is a political scientist who specializes in electoral politics, redistricting and voting rights. Dr. Adams is the Chair of the Political Science Department and also holds the position of the Director of MPA program at the Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs. As the interim Chair of the Political Science Department, Dr. Adams has pressed forward with a ‘student-centric’ approach to the entire operation within the Department.

Alongside his duties as Director, he is a Professor of Public Affairs. Dr. Adams assumed the positions of both Director and Professor in 2005 after matriculating through the ranks of professorship as a dedicated member of the Texas Southern University team since 1983. He currently serves as a Faculty Consultant for The College Board-Education Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey. His expertise has led him to serve as a Member of the Houston Community College Public Administration Advisory Board and as a Reviewer for The American Review of Politics. As an avid scholar in the Public Affairs arena, he has co-authored several books including, Readings in American Political Issues and Public Administration both published by Kendall-Hunt Press.

Dr. Adams also has been published in the Journal of Service Science; the Encyclopedia of African America History; International Journal of Education Research and the European Journal of Social Sciences. His tenure at Texas Southern University has been filled with many responsibilities. He has served as the Interim Dean of Barbara-Jordan Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, as a Faculty Senator; is the Chair of the University Institutional Effectiveness Committee, a part of the TSU Tomorrow Committee; the University International Studies Committee (Asian Studies) and the Academic Grievance Committee in the Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs. In 2008, he was honored with the Texas Southern University Research Scholar Award, School of Public Affairs Research Scholar Award, and the Quiester Craig Teaching Award.

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